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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
PRESS RELEASE**

**CITY GAINS MAJOR FUNDING ALLOCATION
FROM CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

***MAYOR'S TESTIMONY HELPS SAN DIEGO WIN HIGHER PERCENTAGE
OF ALLOCATIONS THAN THOSE REQUESTED BY OTHER AGENCIES***

Mayor Jerry Sanders' testimony before the California Transportation Commission on Tuesday helped the City to win an unexpectedly large percentage of limited Trade Corridors Improvement Funds being allocated by the Commission. The Commission chose to allocate more than 13% of the total funding for projects in San Diego – enough to address most of regional projects submitted for consideration.

The Los Angeles/Riverside region received allocations totaling approximately 55% of the available funding, far less than the 85% share being sought for that region. The Bay Area and Central Valley combined were allocated approximately 27% by the Commission. Five percent was allocated by the Commission for projects in smaller sea and land ports around the state.

SAN DIEGO REGION WILL RECEIVE BETWEEN \$250 MILLION AND \$400 MILLION

The San Diego region will receive between \$250 million and \$400 million in funding under the Trade Corridors Improvement Funding process. The Commission's recommended allocation for San Diego is for the full \$400 million requested for local projects. Money for the TCIF program is available from the \$2 billion pool of funds created by Proposition 1B and augmentations of \$425 million from the State Highway Account and an additional \$570 million to be acquired from the federal government or fees to be levied on shipping containers.

CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SAN DIEGO CHOSEN FOR FUNDING

The Commission honored the Mayor's request for an allocation sufficient to fund critical transportation projects through the San Diego region. These projects were part of the Good Movement Programs funding application submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The projects receiving allocations from the Commission include traffic congestion relief on major

highways, improvements to local rail lines and work to improve border crossing between Mexico and San Diego.

Each of the San Diego projects considered by the Commission is included in the list of candidates for Trade Corridors Improvement Fund financing approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors in July of this year.

Key projects include:

- The completion of State Route 905, a six lane east-west freeway between Otay Mesa border crossing with interchanges at State Route 125, I-805 and I-5.
- Additional funding for a third Port of Entry along the border with Mexico and a four lane freeway to connect the new point of entry to State Route 905.
- A new (third) rail line running to the border from near downtown which will include new yards and a logistics center.
- Enhancements to truck routes leading from the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal.

Mayor Sanders is committed to maintaining a high profile among funding agencies and decision makers at all levels in Sacramento and Washington DC. During his appearance before the California Transportation Commission the Mayor was joined by San Diego City Councilmember Jim Madaffer and Mayor Mary Sessom of Lemon Grove, the current Chairperson for SANDAG.

This is the second big award of Proposition 1B funds received by the City and region this year. In February, the Mayor and representatives from SANDAG secured \$451.5 million in transportation dollars from the Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funds distributed by the Commission for projects on I-5, I-805 and I-15, as well as major improvements to Carroll Canyon Road.

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